

## Bill Thompson Heads Officers

### SPECIAL!

President Bill Thompson has announced intention of opening the newly named student recreation center soon after the time school closes in June. Thompson has appointed special preparatory committees, and work has already begun on decorations and other preparations for immediate use of the center.

In making the announcement Thompson said that the task could easily be accomplished if all the student body would cooperate. He emphasized the fact that cooperation is essential for success.

After a snappy campaign of the preceding two weeks, on Friday, April 21, the student body of Shaker High School voted for their president, vice president, and secretary for next year. Bill Thompson will be next year's president, Ted Wood will follow in the footsteps of Bob Bissell, our present vice president, and Ross Cowan will be our secretary. Jack Webster will be the treasurer. He had been chosen as an assistant treasurer earlier this semester.

It was on Monday, April 17, that three candidates for president, four candidates for vice president, and two candidates for secretary gave campaign speeches before the whole school. These candidates were: for president, Bill Thompson, Chuck Vaughn, and Tom Peters; for vice president, Ken Strauss, Briggs Baugh, Ted Wood, and Bill Morris; for secretary, Ross Cowan and Dick Falls. On Wednesday a primary vote was called to eliminate one candidate for vice president, as only three candidates may be voted on in the final elections. The three candidates finally chosen to run for this office were: Ted Wood, Briggs Baugh, and Bill Morris. The campaign managers were Jim Faragher for Bill Thompson, Oliver Emerson for Chuck Vaughn, Fritz Hinz for Tom Peters, Jack Bailey for Ted Wood, Jeanne Loran for Bill Morris, Bob Kanes for Ken Strauss, Dick Jones for Briggs Baugh, Norman Harrington for Ross Cowan, and Tom Paisley for Dick Falls.

At the Senior Day Assembly, Thursday, May 11th, due honor was paid to Shaker's illustrious seniors. The class gift was presented to R. B. Patin by Don Opatrny, class president, and the class will was read. Following the presentation, the new officers were installed.

President Bill prefers physics and geometry and goes in for basketball, football, baseball, and swimming. He also plays the piano and heartily recommends rice krispies and banana pie. "With the same co-operation given this year to Al and maybe a little more, Shaker will keep going forward," Bill stated.

Ted Wood also favors mathematics and likes golf and baseball. Ross, "Secretary" Cowan mentioned that study hall was his favorite period of the day. He also takes to football and track and likes the finer things in life—such as steak.

Dick "Couchy" Jones  
Vic "Capt. Marvel" Gelb  
J. "Otto" the "Batman" Marks  
Fritz "The Lover" Hinz  
Say Farewell

## Happy Staff Shows Promise



If the expressions on the faces of Treasurer Jack Webster, President Bill Thompson, Vice-President Ted Wood, and Secretary Ross Cowan are any indication of the future of Shaker High, next year should be a banner one.

## Assembly Unveils Student Talent

The long-awaited student assembly on Friday, May 19, presented great Shaker talent. Impersonations and high spots depicting "Shaker After the War" constituted the main part of the program. Between scenes specialty numbers included O'Dea's German band and Bob Huber's quartet. The two teams of Bill Markey and Ted Clark, cowboy and comedian, and Oliver Emerson and Jim Farmer as comedy singers furnished great entertainment. Along the line of tap dancing and baton twirling was Gloria Ulch. Several members from the A Cappella Choir gave "The Musical Adventures of Jack and Jill." The oratorical version was sung by Jim Faragher, and Marg Shultz contributed the gentle Schubert melody. Charlia Jack and Bill Griffith gave the Italian operatic rendition, Carol Sharkey impersonated the Wagnerian singer, and the modern French interpretation was sung by Providence Pedone. The jazz and blues was rendered by Betsy Boykin and Oliver Emerson. The "Jack and Jill" acts were supervised by Carol J. Evans and narrated by Chuck Vaughan.

## Shaker Poets Place In National Contest

This year the National Poetry Association in Los Angeles, California, invited the Shaker students to submit poems for the Annual Anthology of High School Poetry for 1944. Each year the best poems submitted from the different high school students all over the country are published in the anthology book. Members of Miss Wickwire's English classes participated.

Eight Shaker students have received notification that their poems have been accepted for publication. These are the lucky ones: Ellen Amster, Sally Finley, Elizabeth Greiner, Joanne King, Barbara Denison, Mary Elizabeth Noble, Bill Tobacman, and Janet Wrede. The first four girls, in addition to the honor of having their poems published, also have received honorable mention.

We are looking forward to seeing the poems of these Shaker "Long-fellows" in print.

## Pope Edits Shakerite

With Fritz Hinz stepping off with one of his various scholarships, the Shakerite shifts personnel. Alton Pope, a junior next year, has been appointed editor-in-chief. Anne Kellogg and John Colman hand the news department over to Fay Plunkett and Len Soloway. Blee Andrew gives features to Barbara McGuire, assisted by Briggs Baugh. Roberta Good continues as super-sleuth of alumni news. Earl Greenspun will report the sports news after Vic Gelb's departure. The job that frequently gets so little credit yet means so much work, business manager, John Marks passes over to Bill Morris. Loren Weiss bequeaths the photo headaches to Roderick, Schaffer, and Unger.

## Find New Champs At 'Hard-Times'

The first and last student open house of the 1944 spring semester saw several new champs crowned. Jackson "Ellington" Bailey walked off with the piano crown, by virtue of his torrid boogie-woogie. Student president Al Roberts and his steady Jean Michell took home the war stamp prize in the jitterbug contest. Patt Kuhns and Bob Wood took second, and Art Faber and Mary Reinhardt finished third. At the ring tossing concession, Frank Germana and Jeanne Loran broke the bank.

Movies in the small auditorium, the Congressional Club's refreshment concession, and the gym and pool, also helped keep all of Shaker's "hard-timers" amused.

## Glamour Girl Beauty May Attend Shaker in Future

Attention, boys—here's something new—a lovely dark-haired, blue-eyed girl! Her name? Jeanette Marie Miller. Her father reports that she's doing fine, except that she gets her days and nights mixed up. But if you can believe this, she doesn't talk back—not a word! Her reason for this miracle is that right now she's nearly a month old and weighs eight pounds. But don't be discouraged, 'cause if you stay around for a few years, say 16, she'll be here at Shaker in person!

## Class of 1944 Says Farewell

Rabbi Abba H. Silver will present the address at the commencement of the class of 1944, Wednesday, June 7, at 8 p. m. in the Shaker auditorium. Dr. Silver is head rabbi of the Temple and a resident of Shaker Heights.

The Reverend James M. Lotz, Pastor of East View Congregational Church, will give the invocation. Superintendent A. K. Loomis will preside; Mr. R. B. Patin will present the class; Mrs. E. E. Finley and Mr. J. Hall Kellogg will present diplomas.

### PROGRAM

Superintendent A. D. Loomis, presiding

Processional ..... High School Band  
Power and Glory—George L. Cobb  
Theme from Pomp and Circumstance—Edward Elgar

Star-Spangled Banner

Invocation ..... Reverend James M. Lotz  
Pastor, East View Congregational Church

Music ..... A Cappella Choir  
Son of Mary—R. Nathaniel Dett  
Holy, Holy, Holy—Max Spicker

Address ..... Dr. Abba Hillel Silver  
Rabbi, The Temple

Presentation of the Class of 1944 ..... Mr. R. B. Patin

Presentation of Diplomas ..... Mrs. E. E. Finley, Mr. J. Hall Kellogg  
Members of the Board of Education

Alma Mater ..... Class of 1944

Recessional ..... High School Band  
Pomp and Chivalry—Charles J. Roberts

## Seniors Planning Annual Prom June 2

That long-awaited, yet heartily disliked day is about to fall due, for just a week from tonight the Senior class will have its last formal "fling" at the annual Senior Prom at Canterbury Country Club.

Plans include dancing to the music of Buddy Murray and his band, and the crowning of senior king and queen. The royal couple was chosen from candidates Nan Hood, Joan Gloeckler, Betty Hart, and Barb McLeod; and Dick Jones, John Farmer, Skip McLaughlin, and Norm Harrington.

## Sharcs Show Form In Annual Splash

The Sharcs Club, under the direction of Miss Lillian Burke, presented on Friday, May 19, at 8:30 p. m., a water pageant based on the operetta "H. M. S. Pinafore" by Gilbert and Sullivan. The pageant consisted of 10 numbers and was accompanied by members of the A Cappella Choir, and the band.

The swimming routines interpreted the ten songs, and told the story of the operetta. Nancy Baus and Betsy Boykin (in water and on land, respectively), collaborated on the part of Buttercup; Lida Paull Faber and Pat Shaw were Josephine, the captain's daughter, and Ralph Rackshaw, a sailor, in the water, while on the land they were portrayed by Providence Pedone and Jim Faragher; Captain Corcoran was swum by Mary Kee-secker and vocalized by Tom Miller, a loud splash announced the arrival of Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., swum by Fay Plunkett. Howard Gerson sung the part of the pompous admiral with all the sisters, cousins, and aunts; the villain, Dick Deadeye, was swum by Anne Patin, Barbara Denison accompanied all practices, and also wrote the music for the finale taken from the ten theme songs. Some of the more popular songs from the operetta were: "We Sail the Ocean Blue"; "Buttercup"; "I Am the Captain of the Pinafore"; and, "A Maiden Fair to See."

## Scholarships Roll On In

Three Shaker students have recently won scholarships to various schools. They are Fritz Hinz, John Colman and Donald Opatrny. Fritz, a senior, has been awarded a full tuition scholarship to Adelbert College of Western Reserve University. This covers the full tuition for eight semesters, beginning this June. Fritz is one of two boys to receive a full tuition award.

Colman's chief award was the John McMullen regional scholarship to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York. The scholarship covers full tuition, and is equivalent at the present time to \$600 per year, for three and one-third years.

Awards were made on the basis of the applicant's high school record. Fritz, besides being a straight A student throughout his four years of high school, has been Editor of the Shakerite, a member of the Congressional Club, secretary of the Central Committee, a booster, and a public address announcer. Earlier in the year, he received an honorable mention in the Science Talent Search examination.

The Western Reserve scholarship is the second such award he has received this year. The other, recently awarded, is a full tuition scholarship to Wooster College.

John has also been granted a scholarship to Case School of Applied Science, resulting from his efforts in the Prize Scholarship Examinations. He is second on a list of 51 candidates who took the tests.

Donald Opatrny, who received an Honorable Mention, is tenth on the same list, meaning that if any of the first four candidates do not use their awards, he and the five preceding him will have a chance to receive them.

## Obtain S. S. Card

Students who take jobs should get a social security card to take with them, said Edwin V. Faulhaber, manager of the Social Security Board office at 1100 Chester Avenue, in Cleveland. Employers require every worker to have a social security card before he is put on the payroll.



## The New Editor Speaks

Under the able and efficient leadership of the student council and its president, Al Roberts, Shaker high has set new records in every school-wide drive this year. This accomplishment is one which has helped to foster our increased school spirit that has come out to such an extent during the past school year. This spirit has been built up by the pride we all take in the knowledge that Shaker has far exceeded its goal in war activities. That it is important has been shown by the increased efforts of the boys and coaches to give Shaker better athletic teams. The support given them this year has provided the added incentive for wanting to make Shaker a name well known and respected in high school sports. The extra push and backing afforded by the Shaker students has been well rewarded in this respect.

With the passing of the annual school drives, namely the Budget Book, War Fund, Christmas Fund, Red Cross, and War Bond campaigns, Shakerites have offered a challenge for next year's students. By setting records in every one of these drives, we have placed the quotas on each drive higher than they have ever been before. By next May, we will know whether or not the spirit and pride carrying over from this year's achievements will have raised the standards even higher. This seemingly impossible task will require the utmost effort of us all. Our actions and efforts must be co-ordinated to meet and surpass the outstanding records recently made. This is, indeed, a challenge.

Since the pressure of war-time living is growing greater day by day, September will introduce new conditions into Shaker's customs and ways of working. The student government, to maintain its high position in school affairs, must cope with these changes in such a way as to result in an even finer record than made this year. To carry out this project, the new officers will need the undivided effort and support of a well-organized student council. One of the chief reasons for this year's successes has been the ability and efficiency of the present council. This one group has been able to do much towards the goal of contacting personally everyone in the student body concerning the policies of the school. In this way, since everyone has had a direct hand in student government, has Shaker spirit risen.

Next year, Shaker must once again have an efficient council. Through your homeroom representative the school policies will be formed. Therefore, it is very important that the best qualified member of the homeroom be elected to represent you in the student government. The challenge for tomorrow shall be met by next year's council. With its utmost effort and co-operation, and with our sincerest recognition of purpose, we cannot fail to meet it.

A P.

## Alumni Echoes

By Roberta Good

On Easter Sunday, Don Mitchell went to a French cathedral in the little town in New Guinea near where he is stationed. He says he had to laugh because they had women passing the hat and some of the native men were in shorts, undershirts and no shoes.

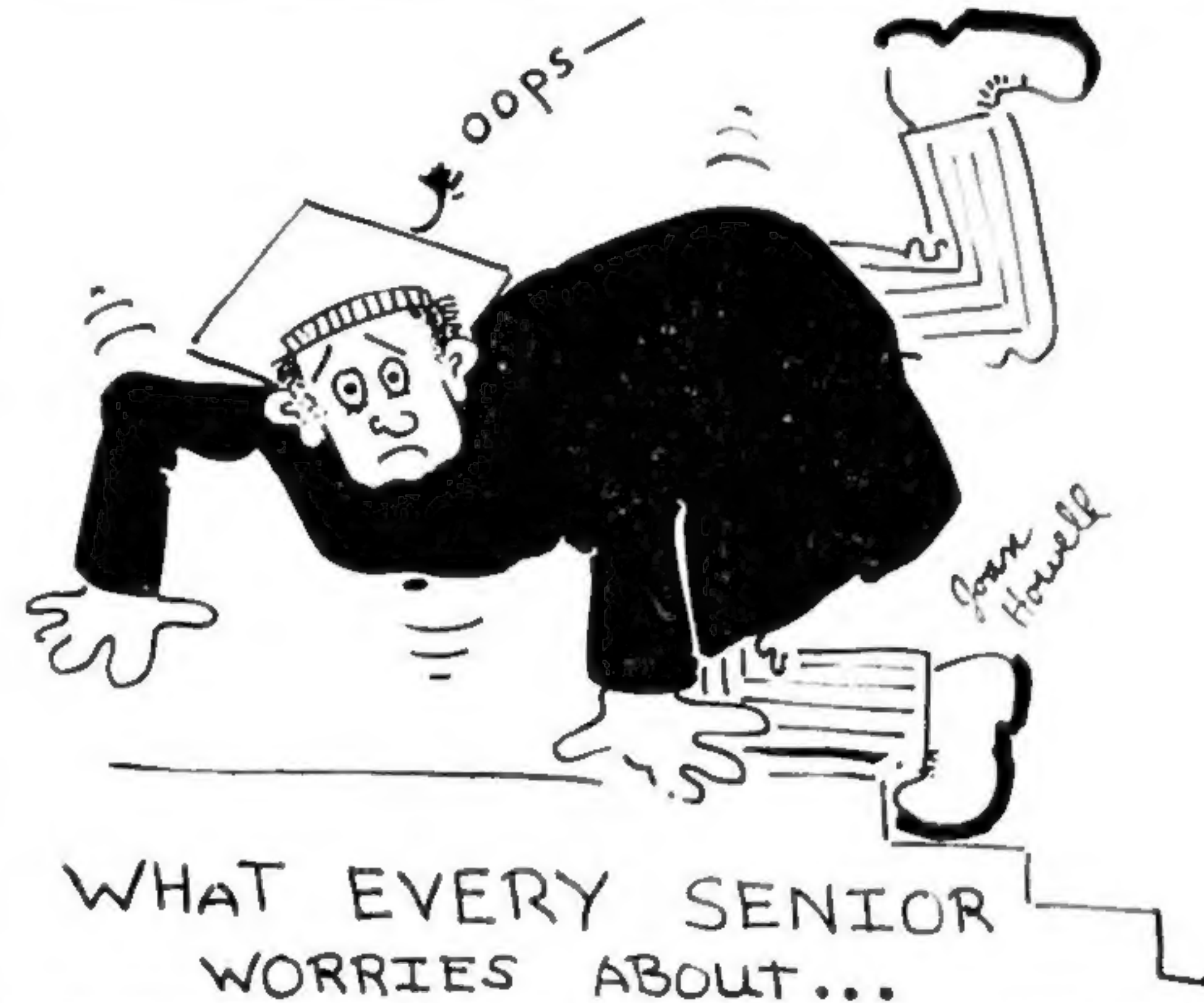
Anne Burford and Richard Farriman took the fatal plunge May 6.

Earl Jirus, the guy who gave his car to the shop, married Virginia Van Sweringen on April 28.

You will remember that "Nero fiddled while Rome burned." If you know where he fiddled, then you know just exactly where Bill Oster is. That boy must have some pull with the censors, because he manages to get his little "geography lessons" to Mrs. Sacha on time (the above is one of them). Incidentally, he says the exam is coming soon. Figure it out for yourself.

Those Prikrlys certainly get around. This time Chet and Chuck are in Detroit going to an Army engine specialists school.

From Clyde Patterson down in New Guinea we hear that Tojo's little boys come over in their washing machines faithfully every day,



but they can't hit the broad side of a barn. Poor Clyde has trouble sleeping on account of the noise they make. Drink Sanka coffee, and get some rest, Clyde.

Lt. Col. Ken Cool says that "Sunny Italy," until the past few weeks, was certainly miserable because there has been little else than cold weather, rain and mud. Now there are definite signs of spring—dust and flies.

Tom Netherton, in the Navy V-12 at Mount Pleasant, Michigan, writes that the work he did in high school was a breeze compared with what he's doing now. Seeing is believing, so take a look at this he's indulging in physics, mathematics, history, English, Naval Organization, mechanical drawing, gym, and drilling. Sounds like something out of a student's nightmare, doesn't it?

Down at the Panama Canal, the crossroads of the world, is Richard Schneider, who comes from way back when. He's chief draftsman at the Panama Air Depot, a very nice job, but also, we imagine a very hot one.

Bruce Macrae, is now at Stevens and says that he intends to be transferred in July. But before condemning him for being a total fool to want to leave there, you might be interested to know that he is going to Stevens Tech in Hoboken, N. J., not the Stevens of Missouri.

Flash! !! Fred Beutel writes that he wishes some of those "dijested jerks," the Phi Bates, would write to him.

John Dyas has an entertaining job. He is company mail clerk at Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Entertaining did we say? Fascinating.

A revealing new theory: The world certainly is small. This startling idea is proved by H. Ray Needham who meets Shakerites in the strangest places. He ran into Glenn Johnson who graduated with him in the class of '37, on the boat that carried Ray's unit from Italy to Africa. Shaker gets around.

And more news of the Day Twins. Ensign Betsy Day of the WAVES is Dispensing and Supply Officer at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland. Lt. (j.g.) Mary Day, also of the WAVES, holds the same position at Northwestern University.

Ann Colton, studying psychology at Swarthmore, has become interested in the Service Projects, run by the American Friends. She hopes to go to Mexico in connection with this during September and October. Suerts y pesetas! Ann.

Lt. Bob Strauss was wounded on January 27 by a bomb fragment while moving up to the front in a jeep on the Anzio beachhead. Although he has been operated on several times and must be again, and although it will take a year to heal the arm, nevertheless he considers himself lucky because the piece that hit him first went straight through the driver of the jeep.

Sgt. Scotty Freeland, Jr., Shaker's own member of the cast of "This Is the Army," writes about putting on their show in Italy

by the light of flashlights held by the audience. It was during an air raid.

Fritz Bowers' 185-foot Coast Guard cutter dropped anchor at East 9th St. last weekend en route to more distant points on its shake-down cruise. Fritz is one of three electricians on board, and he says it keeps them mighty busy keeping all the Diesel and electric motors ticking. Stub Webster has been transferred to Crile Hospital (as an aide and not a patient) and is lucky to be able to get in some home cooking on weekends. Pvt. Allan Kortz sends greetings from deep in the heart of Texas—Camp Wolters. Sgt. Ted Crego stopped in en route from Tennessee to Maryland for training in personnel work. Chuck King has just finished fire control school in Washington with the rating of Petty Officer 3/c, and now awaits assignment to a destroyer.

Shaker's ex-art instructor, Wesley Segner, dropped in to show us his new Ensign's stripes. The Navy commissioned him at Cornell in April. Lt. (j.g.) George Starr sent the Shakerite a copy of the "Air Scoop" edited by his cadets at Connecticut Wesleyan. He is now adviser of that paper. Pvt. Jack Evans arrived safely in England.

Seen floating around dear old Shaker's hulls lately were: S1/c Ignatius Russo, A/C Ken Lynn, Lt. Jack Woodburn, Lt. Robert Brandgard, Pfc. Ben Williams, Cpl. Frank Zappala, Lt. Chester Black, S1/c Bill Smith, MoMM3/c Maurice Roth, S2/c Frank Palumbo, S2/c Roland Strasshofer, A/X James Rogers, Cpl. Tony Trentanelli, Cadet Chuck Wise.

Sgt. Joe Berick, Pfc. Lloyd Kanfer, Pvt. Bill Risman, Cpl. Chuck McCrea, Pvt. Don Phelps, Sgt. Stan Patno, Pvt. Sanford Eisner, Lt. Ranny Osterhaler, S2/c Henry Templeton, Lt. Barney Taylor, A/C Arthur Lawrence, T/Sgt. Charles Campbell, A/C R. H. Taylor, Pvt. Bob Waugh, Pvt. Louis Hubach, Lt. Alvin Haas, S2/c William Liston and S2/c Richard Enright.

Pfc. Davy H. McCall is one of the few survivors in the A. S. T. P. at Chicago. He's learning Chinese. Pvt. Neal Brunner, ex-A. S. T. P., is now driving tanks which weigh just about 59,870 pounds more than he does. For your consolation he reports that Texas weather is much worse than Cleveland's.

Clear from England on business for the British Air Ministry came Capt. John Kojan. This was his first visit to Cleveland in 2½ years, and he says it hasn't changed much. His Irish wife may be one good reason why John likes England too.

## Buzz by Shuz

The last weeks of school find Shaker a bustle of activity. With the open house, Spring play, Shaker pageant, and graduation to occupy our minds, it seems a big jolt to find a bunch of grueling exams thrust upon us in our weakened, preoccupied state. (I wonder if this excuse for poor work has ever been pulled before. No doubt it has—Shaker kids don't overlook any alibis.)

The prospect of notoriety is a thrilling one to Shaker's student body. When Mr. Patin announced the coming of a "Life" photographer, the girls began to see visions of their beautiful selves gracing "Life" covers all over the country, while the boys concocted similar aspirations. Oh well, kids, here's some consolation: If your picture was on the cover, just think how jarred you'd be when you saw people wrapping their lunches in it.

Since the hallelujah day is approaching for the seniors, it seems only fair to devote our interest to them, doesn't it? With the noticeable lack of boys in the senior class you'd expect that the ones who are left would be having a regular hay-day; but, nevertheless, the women are still grabbing them out of the field.

Betty Hart served as the inspiration for Johnny Horth to cook up his best line yet—it must have been good because they're going steady now. With an objective like that, who couldn't think up a masterful method!

Fritz Hinz, our man with the brilliant future (scraping gum off the floor), has picked out the girl of his dreams, too. We witnessed some tense moments waiting for Jane Casey to say "yes" to Fritz's invitation to go steady, but all is well, now.

Even though Jacque Konnerth and Bob Bissell are not senior A's, we can't overlook this new couple. Smiley managed to overcome his perplexing problem of women by swapping pins with Jacque at a very suitable (?) hour. You're only young once, they always say.

Here's some good advice for the girls: If you can, after the war is over, marry a man who has been in the service. The training those boys are receiving in performing household tasks is incredible. Just last month we walked into the Central Committee office and saw sun-tanned Army Corporal Chuck McCrea taking dainty hemming stitches in Libby Swiler's taffeta skirt. Any girl who wouldn't take advantage of a trained husband like that needs her head examined (so Chuck is trying to convince Blee Andrew).

Every year we have gasped at the sight of Dawn Jackson's beautiful Florida tan, and this year was no exception. One look at Dawn and the race was on to see who could equal that bronze color first. Although at first the odds seemed against the kids, some good tans managed to appear. Janet Nash won the race, with Ruth Weir coming in second.

Pictures seem to circulate around plentifully these days with the various composites, but the best we've seen is Ruth Murphy's. The photographer had plenty to work with when he got Ruth for a subject, and the outcome proves it. When you start receiving Hollywood contracts, Murph, let us know.

With the open house, came the knowledge that Mr. Staiger has a very pretty wife, which all goes to show he must not be such a bad guy after all (except on major test days).

Hats off to Ralph O'Dea's "Hungry Five" (which turned into the "Starving Four" since Bruce Mullan laughed as hard as he could so he couldn't blow his horn) for giving us such stirring melody!

## The Shakerite

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## Shaker Trackmen Finish Strong

The Shaker Red Raider track team, although hopelessly outdistanced by a powerful Lakewood squad, battled the Lorain thinclads right down to a thrilling climax and managed to squeeze through to a second place tie with the Steelmen at the annual Lake Erie League track meet, May 13, on the Lakewood field. The Rangers, on their home track, amassed 86 points against 38 for Shaker and Lorain, 33 for Shaw, 19 for Heights, and 10 for Elyria.

Ollie Emerson scored Shaker's only first place in the high jump when both he and Don Burson of Lakewood cleared the bar at 5 feet 8 inches. In the hundred-yard dash, Bluey Parrino finished a few scant inches behind Harrison Johnson, Lakewood's ace dashman. Bluey's time was unofficially estimated at 10.1 seconds. Parrino also finished second to Johnson in the 220-yard dash, and Jay Standish, who recently recovered from a heart ailment, took fourth in the same event. Dan Silver heaved the discus 115' 6" to capture a third place in the discus throw, and Dave Collins finished behind him in fourth position. Dick Jones, who was unofficially clocked in 4 minutes, 45 seconds, his best time this season, gave the Shaker rooters a third place in the mile run and Ralph Stephan, a promising sophomore, broke into the scoring with a fourth in the mile. John Horth, Standish, Bruce Mullan, and Parrino, running the 880-yard relay, finished second to Lakewood, and their position was duplicated by Horth, Mullan, Jim Faragher, and Harvey Lance in the mile relay. Other points were rolled up by Harvey Lance, who got a fourth in the 440-yard dash, Ollie Emerson who was fifth in the 120-yard high hurdles, and Adolph Russo, fourth in the 220-yard low hurdles.

In the first meet of the year, Shaker had 77½ points, Cathedral Latin 44¼ points, and Bedford 25¼ points. The Red Raiders then journeyed to Cleveland Heights to win the Hilltop meet from Heights and University School and followed those wins by scoring victories over Shaw and East High School on the Shaker track.

Two squad members are undefeated in dual or triangular meet competition this season. They are Gene Parrino, who has been terrific in both the 100 and 220-yard dashes, and Harvey Lance, the Raider's ace 440 man. Ralph Stephan, Tom Miller, Dick Jones, and Ted Bamberger have made Shaker unusually outstanding in the distance races. In the field events, Ted Hess, Lynn Dellenbarger, and Tibby Frank have done well in the shot put; Dan Silver and Dave Collins have been outstanding in the discus; Ollie Emerson and John Faragher have made Shaker prominent in the high jump; and Al Wells has been garnering points pole vaulting.

Other thincladders who have figured in the Shaker scoring are Fritz Jackson, Jim Faragher, Bart Haggard, Dan Woolcott, and Lionel Jouannett.

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The boy with the form at the left is Jim Rosenbaum, Shaker's No. 1 golfer. On the right is Bob Kaynes, General John's best "racqueteer." And in the center is the trio that makes Shaker so formidable in the distances. They are, in the usual order, Dick Jones, Tom Miller, and Ralph Stephan.

Photos by Stern and Weiss

## The Red Raider

by Vic Gelb

This year has been a very successful one for the followers of Shaker athletics. Shaker, which has long been the doormat of Lake Erie League athletics, has had the necessary plasma to give it a new spirit. And this "plasma" was not only given by our new coach, Norm Schoen, and his corps of athletes, but also by the entire student body. Shaker Heights, which has enjoyed such a swell scholastic standing for so long, had begun to have a definite slump in athletics. But this past year, everyone who has had anything to do with the school has been extremely cooperative in the athletic program. Everyone of them deserves a word of praise.

My farewell is stated elsewhere in this issue, but I do want to say that my three years of association with the kids, faculty, and institutions (including athletics) of Shaker High, have been the best three years of my life. (I told all this to my draft board and they still won't let me stay.)

## Golfers Drive On

Shaker's turf pounders are really going to town this year, as they have in the past, having already knocked off Mayfield, 10 to 6, in the first skirmish, and 9½ to 6½ in the second fray. Also to their credit is a decisive 15½ to ½ victory over Brush High. Norm Glauber is leading the team with the low average of 87. He is followed closely by Jim Rosenbaum, 88; Ted Wood, 89, and Loren Weiss, 93. The duffers' medal average is 357; ten strokes better than last year's winning aggregation at the District Meet.

Watch these boys; they've got their eyes on the state title.

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## Curvacious Capers

The softball season has now officially started, putting an end to badminton. (This is a good thing, seeing as how there were only seven rackets, three of which had holes in them, and a few mutilated "birdies.") There were three softball practices this year—May 10, 17, and 22—two of which a girl had to attend in order to get her points. Games started May 23.

Something new! Ambitious souls who wish to become better tennis players will be interested in the tennis instructions, both in class and after school, which begin May 23. The after-school lessons are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Seen around school . . . Nancy "Sluggo" Bretschneider getting over-enthusiastic and splitting a bat in half. . . Pat Heck moaning over limbs stiff from a day of exercises in gym. . . Faithful Barbara Denison, who played all the music for the pageant, substituting for absent Shares. . . Miss Steigerwald "losing face" by bowling 76.

The swimming classes are now working on the breast stroke. When finished they will have completed a study of five strokes front crawl, back crawl, elementary back stroke, side stroke, and breast stroke.

The junior instructors are still learning how to teach swimming. They are now working on a swimming meet (learning how to judge, operate stop watches, etc.) and a splash party. The latter will familiarize them with games suitable for use in summer camps, etc.

At the open house, May 8, the Physical Education department (girls' half) demonstrated individual sports. Among them were badminton, shuffleboard, table tennis, indoor bowling, and dart-throwing.

Laurel School was the scene of the Leaders Club's last play day held on May 20. It started at 9:30, which gave the Leaders plenty of time to play softball, tennis, and archery.

New officers were nominated at a Leaders' Club meeting May 10, at which time the nominating committee presented its slate. There were also nominations from the floor. The following are the nominees: president, Jane Casey and Nancy Bretschneider; vice president, Norma Perryman and Jane Casey; secretary, Phyllis Stone and Jean Pickford, who was president this year; and treasurer, Yvette Herot and Betty McAdam.

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Seniors  
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## Fight Finals In Assembly

Having slammed out decisive decisions over Homer Guren and Al Weizman, respectively, Lee Kuhner and Ray Flowers were to battle it out in the middleweight boxing division (147-160 lbs.) when this paper went to press. The winner of this bout is to meet the victor of the Nay Sanna-Don Opatny tussle, along with the finalists in other divisions, in today's school assembly. The proceeds of which, will go toward the new canteen.

Boxing for Shaker boys began in the gym classes in March when general instructions were given to everyone. Just after the spring vacation, elimination bouts began, meeting with an unfavorable reaction on the part of many. However, as time went by, boxing has become more popular, and large crowds have attended most after-school fights.

In the welterweight division (135-147 lbs.) Bob Wood, Skip McLaughlin, and Ernie Samas have starred with others putting up stiff opposition. The light-heavy section (160-175) was decided May 17 when Dick Brailley pulled a close decision over Dick Wallace. Bernie Dittman and Eddie Johns were also top light heavies. Fighters who proved themselves in other divisions are bantamweight, Harvey Stein, and Joe Blum; lightweight, Dan Passell, and Fritz Hinz; featherweight, Bob Render, and Frank Kirtz; heavyweight, Eddie Myer, and Dan Rini; paperweight, Don Edelman, and Tom Swiler; and in the flyweight division, Jim Gibson, and Frank Solomon.

During the early bouts in the gym classes two boys, who were elected, and one of the coaches judged the fights with the aid of a rating chart. Since then, no set method has been employed. The fighters are rated on their guard position, offensive and defensive ability, feinting, infighting, counter-fighting, generalship, and aggressiveness.

## Kaynes Paces Racqueteers

Shaker's racqueteers are again on the rampage, and it's going to take a really good team to set them down. For General John Harbort has assembled a very formidable group of netters this year, and as yet they have lost but one match to a "hot" Western Reserve Academy team. Shaker's number one player is Bob Kaynes. He is followed by Marshall Hess and Gary Colton in singles, and Blair-Cody and Jones-Strauss, in the doubles.



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## Sparkling Senorita Surprises

Have you noticed the pretty dark-haired girl with the bright smile who has been gracing Shaker's halls for the past few weeks? You're right—it is Senorita Margarita Lopez, visiting Shaker for new ideas, and gaining experience in teaching.

Senorita Lopez, a native Nicaraguan, began her study of English through the United States Office of Education, Division of Inter-American Educational Relations, which brought teachers on scholarship from several of the American republics: Venezuela, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. These teachers were instructed in the techniques of teaching English to students who speak Spanish. Senorita Lopez took an intensive six weeks' course in English at the University of Texas before she arrived in Cleveland to take her place in Shaker. The United States Office of Education placed the entire group of teachers in various of "our better secondary schools" all over the country to complete their English training.

Mr. Mills found a place for Senorita Lopez near his own home, giving her the opportunity to spend some time with Spanish speaking people. Senorita Lopez has been teaching in several Spanish classes and observing in other classes to get an idea of how it is done here in the United States. At the end of the semester she will return to Nicaragua to offer courses in English in her country.

## Shaker Hears Donald Dame, Own Met Star

On Friday, May 5, at 2:00 p. m. Donald Dame, Metropolitan Opera tenor, honored the student body with his superb singing. Among his selections were a Mexican folk song, an aria from "Carmen," and a selection from "The Bartered Bride." Mr. Dame also chose "O Sing Again" and Handel's "Silent Worship."

Mr. Dame, an alumnus of Shaker High School, was well liked by his classmates, and although he spent the majority of his time on his music he never neglected his studies. He was a member of the A Cappella Choir, the S. F. A. A., and the Glee Club and took part in all operettas given. Mr. Dame came to Shaker from Glenville High School because of Griffith Jones, who often prophesied that Donald Dame would become famous. While here at Cleveland with the Metropolitan Opera Company, Mr. Dame sang Laerte in Ambrose Thomas's "Mignon."

## Nancy Baus Queen At Junior Prom

On Friday, May 5, the junior class of the high school presented the annual Junior Prom, always one of the outstanding dances of the school year. The theme of this year's prom was the ever-popular "Gay Nineties." More than dancing was featured by the junior class, for there was a lounging section with chairs and tables where the juniors served doughnuts and Pepsi-Cola. Elmer Texter's band provided the music.

Highlighting the night's activities were the crowning of the junior queen and the singing of the well-known Maple City Four. Nancy Baus, popular Shakerite, was chosen as junior queen, and had as her attendants Lida Faber and Zelma Pitt. Shaker's gift to the barbershops, the Maple City Four, harmonized on three old favorites. The costume of the quartet aroused much comment, for the entire aggregation sported striped coats during their numbers. Starting at low "C" and working up the keyboard, the Maple City Four consists of Howard Gerson, Bill Griffith, Jim Farmer, and Ollie Emerson.

## "Young April" Here in May

Comes spring (?) and once more 'tis time for the senior class play. This year the seniors presented "Young April," a comedy in three acts. With Mrs. Thrailkill at the helm (director to you) "Young April" sailed into the Shaker auditorium Friday, May 12.

The cast included Tom Paisley and Judy Katzive as Professor and Mrs. McIntyre (respectively, of course) and their mischievous offspring Ginny Evans as Terry McIntyre. Carol Sharkey played one of those things we no longer have, a maid—Lulu by name.

Skipper McLaughlin, another one of those McIntyres, and Loren Weiss, alias Brian Stanley, were both hot on the heels of Nancy Hood who took the part of Diane Betty Hart will no doubt long be remembered for her brilliant speech—"We had the money, Mrs. McIntyre but, Raymond bought a cow." Raymond never showed up but there were several other characters that did. Among them were George Frye and John Farmer as Dutch and Pete, and Ellen Amster as Elsie, a brainstorm by the way. Also in the cast were Pearl and Ruth Klausner as Vivian and Mrs. Miller. Gabby Reinhard played the part of Mildred, and Bob Huber gave out with Stewart Miller.

That fugitive from the "Hungry Five," Ralph O'Dea will undoubtedly win the academy award for his stirring portrayal of Bert Parsons.

## "The Big Week"

### Senior Exam Schedule

Monday, May 29  
8 30 a. m.—English  
1 30 p. m.—College Algebra  
Wednesday, May 31  
8 30 a. m.—Chemistry  
1 30 p. m.—Latin, French, Solid Geometry, Trig  
Thursday, June 1  
8 30 a. m.—History, Sociology  
1 30 p. m.—Economics

### Regular Exam Schedule

Friday, June 2  
8 30 a. m.—English  
1 00 p. m.—Mathematics  
Monday, June 5  
8 30 a. m.—Science  
1 00 p. m.—Spanish, German  
Tuesday, June 6  
8 30 a. m.—History  
1 00 p. m.—Latin  
Wednesday, June 7  
8 30 a. m.—Latin America  
1 00 p. m.—French  
Thursday, June 8  
8 30 a. m.—Geography

## Office Gets Refurnished, Bus---Phone

If any of you have dropped around to the Student Council office lately, you have no doubt noticed some new furnishings have been added. A few weeks ago the carpenters took it over and they really went to town on the job. When they left, you wouldn't have known the place. They erected a large book cabinet for all of Uncle Bus's various and sundry volumes, plus files for the student officers and the head of the War Stamps and Bonds Committee. These new additions to the office will help everyone who works there to keep his own papers and books in a special place, separate from everyone else's.

One of the best things accomplished in the Council office during its going over was the connecting of that phone that has been residing on Mr. Thrailkill's desk. It is no more a business-like ornament, but a useful instrument that Mr. Thrailkill can "gab" over when he gets bored with the Shaker routine.

## Congratulations Graduates!

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## All Departments Get Together To Make Open House Big Success

The cause of much worry or rejoicing was the announcement that another Open House was to be held: for, while the "A" students smiled at the news, the "C" (minus) students settled down to a week of worry and toil. Open House held Monday, May 8, from 7:00-9:00 p. m., was arranged by the Executive Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association for the last P-T A meeting of the year.

In all the school departments, demonstrations and exhibits were shown from 7:00-8:30. At 8:30 an auditorium was presented. The Boosters deserve extra credit for working all evening directing people to certain rooms and giving out directions at the doors for the various exhibits.

Some of the special exhibits of the evening were: display of student government war activities; the Shakerite office, style show; cooking class; art class groups; auto and woodworking shops; French, rifle, Open Forum, and Congressional clubs, gym and swimming groups; foreign language special features; commercial department; global geography group; and a guidance program.

The main purpose of these ex-

hibits was to acquaint the parents with the type of work their sons and daughters are doing in the high school, and to permit them to meet the teachers.

At 8:30, after the demonstrations, the auditorium program was given. This program included musical numbers by the Band and Choir, Ralph O'Dea and his Hungry Five; and members of the A Cappella singing "The Musical Adventures of Jack and Jill", a radio production of a stage play which showed the applications of speech work through the year, and the election of P-T. A. officers for the year 1944-45.

The twelve students connected with the play were all from Miss Wickwire's first period class. They are: Norm Harrington, Fritz Hinz, John Steiner, Dan Silver, Ed Stillman, John Colman, Shirley Sprague, Mary Elizabeth Noble, Blee Andrew, Sally Finley, Babette Halle, and Libby Swiler.

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